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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NAKAMURA et al.
Serial No.: 09/708,450
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For: A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE
AND THE METHOD THEREOF
Group: 2811
Examiner: D. Owens

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Sir:

Applicants conducted a personal interview on May 6 with Examiner Owens and Examiner Thomas. During the interview, applicants discussed their April 21 amendments to independent claims 20, 22, 26 and 29. Applicants referenced various portions of the specification and Fig. 16 to show various features such as the ruthenium film 47 and the tungsten film 48. Applicants also indicated that the Amendment should be entered because the claims were amended based on previously recited features. See page 7 of the April 21 Amendment.

Should the Examiner have any further questions on the matter, he is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at (703) 312-6600.

Respectfully submitted,

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